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SUBJ: WAHEED ABDULLAH ON PAK/AFGHAN RELATIONS

1. ALL MAJOR ENGLISH AND VERNACULAR LANGUAGE PAPERS MAY 14 CARRY DISTINCTLY UPBEAT, POSITIVE AND OPTIMISTIC INTERVIEW WITH AFGHAN DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER WAHEED ABDULLAH. SPEAKING WITH PAKISTAN PRESS INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENT DURING ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS SUMMIT IN ISTANBUL, WAHEED COMMENTED ON HIS TALKS WITH AZIZ AHMED, GOA PLANS TO ASSIGN AMBASSADOR TO PAKISTAN, AND BHUTTO-DAOUD MEETING.

2. WAHEED SAID HE WAS "VERY MUCH SATISFIED" WITH HIS DISCUSSION MAY 12 WITH AZIZ AHMED AND "WE UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER VERY WELL." HE ALSO ADDED THAT KABUL WILL BE APPOINTING AN AMBASSADOR TO ISLAMABAD "SHORTLY."

3. ON BHUTTO-DAOUD MEETING, WAHEED "EXPRESSED OPTIMISM THAT ITS OUTCOME WILL BE POSITIVE AND FRUITFUL." HE

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ADDED THAT "PRESIDENT DAOUD WISHES AND DESIRES THAT

RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO STATES BE NORMALIZED, AND WE
ARE VERY MUCH OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE VISIT'S SUCCESS.
THERE ARE LOTS OF PROSPECTS FOR IMPROVEMENT IN TIES
BETWEEN OUR TWO STATES IF THE PROBLEMS (SIC) ARE
SOLVED." ALTHOUGH WAHEED DID NOT ELABORATE ON WHAT
THE "PROBLEMS" WERE, HE ADDED THAT "GOOD-WILL EXISTS
ON OUR SIDE TO SOLVE THEM" AND ADDED THAT "AFGHANISTAN
BELIEVED IN A POLICY OF NON-INTERFERENCE IN OTHER
NATION'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS." WAHEED ALSO COMMENTED
FAVORABLY ON CESSATION OF HOSTILE PROPAGANDA AND
CLOSED BY SAYING AFGHANISTAN WILL GO TO CONFERENCE
TABLE WITH AN "OPEN HEART."
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